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1	CONVENE:	9:04 a.m.
2	PRESENT:	VOTING MEMBERS:
3		Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Chair Councilmember Robert Carroll, Vice-Chair
4		Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member (Out 12:08 p.m.)
5		Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member (Out 12:13 p.m.)
6		Councilmember Donald G. Couch, Jr., Member Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member
7		Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla, Member (In 9:05 a.m.; Out 12:15 p.m.)
8		Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member (Out 12:04 p.m.)
9		Councilmember Mike B. White, Member (In 9:25 a.m.)
10	ABSENT:	NONE
11	EXCUSED:	NONE
12	STAFF:	Carla Nakata, Legislative Analyst Jo-Ann C. Sato, Substituting Committee
13		Secretary
14	ADMIN:	Patrick K. Wong, Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel
15		Jeffrey A. Murray, Fire Chief, Department of Fire and Public Safety
16	•	Robert Shimada, Deputy Chief, Department of Fire and Public Safety
17		Richard Rost, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel
18		Cheryl Tipton, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel
19	OTHERS:	Item 3(3): Luna A. CarlIsle
20	OTHERS.	Tonja Pe Benito Brian Lehmann
21		Colette Evans Nancy Jill Sundberg
22		Jennifer Warren
23		Federal Reserve "Donald" Brown, Dioxin Investigation Network
24		Yo Kobayashi Keith Ranney
25		Daren Mann Anne Provost

1	`eleu Novikoff
2	Jeffrey Parent Dave Luborski
3	Courtney Bruch Warren Watanabe, Executive
4	Director, Maui County Farm Bureau
5	Amara Rochon Glenda Frederick
6	Others (5)
7	PRESS: Akaku, Maui Community Television, Inc.
8	CHAIR HOKAMA:(gavel) Policy Committee
9	shall come to order. This is the regular meeting of
10	August 17th, 2011. This morning, Members that are
11	present of the Committee are the Vice-Chairman,
12	Mr. Carroll, Members Baisa, Cochran, Couch, Mateo and
13	Victorino.
14	COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Good morning, Chair.
15	CHAIR HOKAMA: Excused are Mr. White and
16	Mr. Pontanilla.
17	We have a full agenda, Members, including two
18	Litigation Matters that will your Chair will make
19	sure we reach that items today for review by this
20	Committee as it will be presented by Corporation
21	Counsel.
22	And Mr. Pontanilla is also joining the
23	Committee this morning.
24	We do have requests for testimony before the
25	Committee this morning. So let me explain the rules for

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        public testimony. We'll call you in the order that you
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       have signed up to present your comments to the
       Committee. When your name is called, please come
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        forward to our podium. You have three minutes, again, I
       will say, you have three minutes to present your
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        testimony. The Committee would request your name.
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       you are representing an organization, we would request
        consideration of you sharing that information with us.
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       testimony before the Committee. We will assist you with
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       your time. We have a green, yellow and red light on the
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       podium to assist you. When you start, you will see the
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       green light go on. When you have 30 seconds left, and
       you should start concluding your testimony, the yellow
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        light will be there. And at the three-minute mark, the
        red light will go on, and the Chair will stop your
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       testimony. Okay?
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       Committee to the Chair, we will start with public
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       testimony. The first person this morning is -- and,
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        again, I would apologize if I'm mispronouncing any names
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        -- Luna CarlIsle. And Ms. CarlIsle will be followed by
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       Tonja Pe Benito.
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                       ...BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY...
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MS. CARLISLE: Good morning.

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· CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.
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                  MS. CARLISLE: My name's Luna CarlIsle. I am
        a local teacher, mother and also a committee member on
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        naming streets and parks.
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                  Anyway, I just wanna emphasize that it's
        absolutely critical that we mandate GMO labeling on a
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        County level so that we can support the State level
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        legislation. Last session, it was tabled, but it is up
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        for review again -- and there's other states doing
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        this -- so that we can take it to a Federal level and,
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        you know, join the rest of the world that already labels
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        GMOs.
              The reason the rest of the world labels GMOs is
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       because they can be dangerous. They definitely have
        some toxic -- sorry, I'm a little nervous -- but
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        definitely toxic, and, you know, we're being
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        purposefully deceived. The rest of the world labels
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        GMOs, and we need to get on board with that.
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                  So I ask that you support this because Food
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        Sovereignty supports freedom in Hawaii for all people,
        particularly the children. It also supports our local
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        farmers, which is crucial. And I just ask you to really
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        strongly consider supporting mandating GMO labeling.
        It's an absolutely crucial issue. And if you don't know
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about it, I urge you to educate and empower yourself,

because it's -- it's no exaggeration to say it's a

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1 matter of life and death for every one of us. So I
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- guess I don't have a whole three minutes of things to
- 3 say other than this is super important and I really,
- 4 really want you to label GMOs for Hawaii.
- 5 CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much. Is there
- 6 any questions for the testifier? This is a public
- 7 meeting. Please hold your applause. You can do that
- 8 later. Tonya Pe Benito, followed by Brian Lehmann.
- 9 Whenever you're ready.
- MS. Pe BENITO: Okay.
- 11 CHAIR HOKAMA: Whenever you're ready.
- MS. Pe BENITO: All right. Hi, my name is
- Tonja. I'm here to testify in regards to the GMO
- 14 labeling. And there's a couple things that I've done a
- lot of research myself. And I'm just gonna read off my
- 16 bullet points.
- 17 First, I believe it's my right to know as a
- individual and as a parent to know what's in the food
- 19 that I'm purchasing and putting into our bodies.
- Second is, the research I have done has --
- 21 there's no confirmation, but GMOs are made resistant for
- 22 pesticides. And then once we consume those, the -- the
- 23 pesticides and the ingredients that can -- we are
- 24 consuming can still remain within our DNA.
- 25 And I can -- I'm here more on a personal level

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        to -- recently, my very intrigued four-year-old, back in
        January, he was not talking. And one thing that I did
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        as a mother is I did extreme due diligence. And one of
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        the things that I did was take out GMO food and switch
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        over to 100 percent organic diet. And with days, he
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        started talking and saying his alphabet and
        potty-training himself. So I personally have had a very
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        strong impact with this.
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        Europe has been doing this. Now they -- they are
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        labeling their foods so people know, when they go, that
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        they are purchasing these things.
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                  I personally -- because of our circumstances
       here, things are not labeled. And I have called
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        companies. And in calling companies, say, for the
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        snacks for my children, they don't have to tell us if
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        there is -- the food, the corn, the rice is GMO --
        genetically modified. And, therefore, they can, you
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        know, just say, well, we can't tell you because it's --
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        they're not required by law to tell us. And, therefore,
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        I have to be very picky about the foods that I buy.
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        difference that I have seen in him, you know, there --
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        look into it and the more that I reached out to other
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- 2 out the genetically modified food and the allergenic
- 3 level that our bodies are not capable of handling, you
- 4 know. I would like to make my life a little bit easier,
- 5 but I'd also like it for other people to be able, if we
- 6 go to the store, whether it be Safeway, Costco,
- 7 whatever, that we can look and see on the box that if
- 8 it's a -- if it's GMO or not.
- 9 And, anyways, thank you very much.
- 10 CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you for your
- 11 testimony this morning. Is there any questions for the
- 12 lady regarding her testimony? Thank you very much for
- being here. We appreciate your presence. Brian
- 14 Lehmann. And Mr. Lehmann will be followed by Colette
- 15 Evans.
- MR. LEHMANN: Good morning.
- 17 CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning. You may start
- whenever you're ready.
- MR. LEHMANN: Okay. Good morning. My name's
- 20 Brian Lehmann, and I am a resident of Maui. I support
- 21 GMO -- mandatory GMO labeling. And I'm here to support
- 22 mandatory GMO labeling for three reasons. And I guess
- I'm a little nervous, too.
- 24 CHAIR HOKAMA: Take your time.
- 25 MR. LEHMANN: The first reason is everybody

wants it. Okay. I have the results of polls from four 1 2 major news organizations here with overwhelming support for mandatory labeling of GMOs: ABC, 93 percent of 3 people; CBS, 87 percent; NBC or MSNBC, 96 percent; and 4 5 "New York Times", 89 percent of respondents to the poll 6 are in favor of mandatory labeling of GMOs. 7 And if you contrast that with the amount of soy, cotton, corn and canola that's -- that's being 8 planted, and this is in America now, 91 percent is soy, 9 10 88 percent of cotton, 85 percent of corn, and 80 percent, or upwards, of canola that's being planted are 11 GMOs. So it's kind of a supply and demand issue. 12 13 There's way more supply, apparently, than there is 14 demand. So that's kind of out of balance. So everybody wants it. 15 16 The second reason why I support mandatory labeling is nobody's doing anything about it. They all 17 talk about small government nowadays, but the Federal 18 Government's not doing it. And so this is a chance, 19 maybe, for the State, State of Hawaii, to do something 20 21 about it, because we gotta do something. 22 Because for my third reason why I support 23 mandatory labeling is freedom of choice. It's a basic issue of freedom of choice. Marie-Monique Robin, the 24 author of the book that became the movie The World 25

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        According to Monsanto, says that we're losing
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       biodiversity to GMOs, the -- the conventional and the
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       organic crops are being choked off because of -- because
       of open pollination. So it's a matter of freedom of
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       choice.
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                  The UN says we need organic to feed the world
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        and to save the climate. So there isn't gonna be any
       choice left. We gotta do something about it.
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                  And there's safety issues, many other issues,
       but it boils down to freedom of choice. So we gotta do
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       something about it while there's still a choice.
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                  CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much for your
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        testimony, Mr. Lehmann. Is there any questions for the
        gentleman on what he has presented to you this morning?
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       Having none, Mr. Lehmann, thank you so much for your
        thoughts. Colette Evans. And Ms. Evans will be
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        followed by Nancy Jill Sundberg.
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                 MS. EVANS: Good morning.
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                  CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.
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- MS. EVANS: I came down here this morning.
- 22 am very much in support of labeling GMOs. I feel it's

I'm a concerned citizen and a resident of Maui. And I

23 really important on a lot of different levels.

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- 24 Personally, I have always taken -- I was
- 25 raised eating organics, have incredible health, have not

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       been to a doctor in 20 years. I've just always been
        very, very fortunate that way to be supported, I count
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       on being able to read labels, this is what I was taught,
       in order for me to understand what's in my food.
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                  And GMOs are an interesting issue. Canola
       oil, when it first got introduced about 10 years ago, on
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        a large level, into the health industry, Whole Foods
       began cooking with it. And I was a Whole Foods fanatic.
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       I loved their deli. I ate there every day at lunchtime.
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        I started to feel more and more like something wasn't
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        quite right, 'cause I'm just really sensitive in my
        diet. And then I learned, only years later, after I
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       completely cut out canola oil, on -- by my own choice,
        not knowing anything about it, that in actuality, it's a
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       GMO crop. And I didn't even know it.
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        the -- the lady talking about children, the right to
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        care of our health and to make the choice for ourselves.
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       Of course, there are other extenuating issues that are
        not a part of this bill. This is about GMOs and
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        labeling. But -- but I'm concerned about it, you know,
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       personally for my own health. And I'm also concerned
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        that people have an opportunity to see GMO listed on a
        label and say, what is this, and be able to ask the
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1 questions for themselves, answer the questions for

- themselves, and make a choice.
- 3 So I really support this. And I thank you for
- 4 your time.
- 5 CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Evans. Any
- 6 questions for the lady on her testimony? Thank you very
- 7 much for your thoughts, Ms. Evans. Nancy Jill Sundberg.
- And she'll be followed by Jennifer Warren.
- 9 MS. SUNDBERG: Good morning.
- 10 CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.
- MS. SUNDBERG: A couple of months ago, I was
- having a conversation with my father, and I brought up
- the subject of GMOs. He had never heard of 'em. He had
- 14 no idea what I was talking about. So, like millions of
- other people, millions of people, he has no idea what
- he's eating. If he were able to pick up a bag of corn
- 17 chips that said, contains genetically modified products,
- 18 genetically engineered products, him, along with
- millions of other people, hopefully, the people of the
- 20 State of Hawaii, would have an opportunity to become
- 21 educated and make an informed choice about what they are
- 22 eating.
- Like Colette said, the issue of GMOs is huge,
- 24 but this is about labeling.
- 25 At this point, it's amazing because you can

1 get -- you can look at organic tofu, and it says not --

- 2 no GMO ingredients. Well, that's great, and I
- appreciate that, but it's, actually, the opposite. We
- 4 should assume -- we should assume that it's food unless
- 5 otherwise labeled.
- 6 I'm interested in more of a creative labeling
- 7 process, like Frankenstein Food or Quasimodo Crunch.
- 8 You get my point. So -- sorry.
- 9 I strongly, strongly urge this
- legislation to be introduced, passed, for the State of
- 11 Hawaii. I don't think this is even just a State issue,
- 12 it is a national issue, that needs to be addressed. And
- 13 I think that I strongly, strongly urge that as a citizen
- and as -- as a consumer. And I, actually, feel that it
- is criminal not to. Thank you.
- 16 CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much,
- 17 Ms. Sundberg. Jennifer Warren. And following
- 18 Ms. Warren, it will be Federal Reserve Brown.
- MS. WARREN: Hello. My name's Jennifer
- 20 Warren, and I'm a concerned citizen and a resident of
- 21 Maui. And one of the main reasons why I feel the
- 22 labeling is very important is that today's wonder often
- turns into tomorrow's toxin.
- I've lived in many situations and environments
- where one thing that was supposed to be very good, 20

years later was discovered to be a serious cause of

cancer. I lived near -- in Texas, I lived near places

where there was much pollution, where it was not only

overlooked, but encouraged by the Government. And the

citizens often had to fight in order for their right to

not be poisoned by the corporations.

I feel this is a similar issue, but this is spanning both nations -- it's international at this point. And, truly, we are standing up, supposedly, as a leader in the world. When the rest of the world sees fit to inform their citizens, but our country does not see fit to inform us, I can only conclude there's some reason that we are being obstructed from being shown, so we have a choice, so we can choose not to buy genetically modified ingredients.

These have not been tested properly. They've been put through the FDA under the -- I believe the term is where it's -- it's something where it's the doctrine of similars, where it's so similar, they assume it doesn't have to be tested. And that's absurd considering the sophistication of our technology and what we now are able to do.

So to not give us the right by choosing to not label our food -- and as many of the other citizens have expressed, we don't have the right to actually enter

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        into a dialogue which is the foundation of democracy.
        So I'm asking for you guys to help us really create a
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        thriving democracy by allowing us to have the choice to
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        discuss what's in our food, and to not simply be told by
        corporations -- or not even told -- to have the
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        corporations put fancy packaging and bright colors and
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        words that sound good, but are actually hiding the fact
        that this could very well be the toxin that, in 20
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        years, we discover is what disrupts the entire food
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        chain, from the soil all the way up to our children.
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                  So please be in favor of labeling. Thank you.
                  CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Warren.
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        questions for the lady this morning? Thank you for your
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        thoughts, Ms. Warren. Okay. We have Mr. Brown coming
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        up. And after Mr. Brown, we have Yo Kobayashi.
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                  MR. BROWN: Aloha. My name's Federal Reserve
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               I'm head of the Dioxin Investigation Network for
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        the North American end of the Dioxin Investigation
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        Network.
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        Maui County Council has been willing to remain
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        uninformed. It's almost like an intentional form of
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        ignorance. I think that you all do know what Monsanto's
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        been up to. You know what Monsanto did to Vietnam
        veterans, knowingly, for seven years, yet you give them
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harbor in Kihei and allow them to set up shop. You know
that there are controversial issues that cause a lot of
stress and grief in the community, yet you refuse to do
anything about them.

For your information, the genetically modified corn, with the skull and crossbones on it, that's growing out around Kihei, has now been declared illegal in Hungary. And the country of Hungary has dispatched their army to go out and burn down any cornfields and mow them under. And next month, it becomes a felony to possess genetically modified corn in Hungary. I find out yesterday that the country of India is now suing Monsanto because the genetically modified eggplant, a honeybee or a fly, or some sort of thing, has gone down and contaminated all their natural eggplants. So they're not able to have eggplant without Roundup in it.

Now, I made the video informed consent rock that says, you know, take note, and then it shows U.S. troops escorting people from the Nuremberg trials right out the back door to the galley where we hung their ass. And what I meant by that video, when it says you, the Maui County take note, is you're doing precisely to the public of the Maui what those Nazis were doing to those Jews. You are doing exactly, by enabling Monsanto to experiment on all of us, exactly what those U.S. troops

1 hung those criminals for out the back yard of the

- Nuremberg trials, by poisoning us.
- 3 Every country in Europe has demanded that this
- 4 GMO labeling takes place so people can make an informed
- 5 choice. And you have given homage and shelter to one of
- 6 the world's largest corporate criminals. It takes a
- 7 minor amount of looking into Monsanto's past, and you
- 8 only need to hang your head in shame for allowing them
- 9 to set up shop here and operate with their skull and
- 10 crossbones corn.
- 11 Can I ask anyone here, could you tell me how
- 12 to grow a dangerous ear of corn?
- 13 CHAIR HOKAMA: You can give your testimony.
- 14 You may not question the Members at this --
- 15 MR. BROWN: Well, I'm questioning --
- 16 CHAIR HOKAMA: -- at this point --
- MR. BROWN: -- 'em because your inability to
- answer that question is posing a threat to all of our
- 19 health. Keep that in mind. You're guilty of a crime
- 20 right now.
- 21 CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for your testimony,
- 22 Mr. Brown. Next we have Yo Kobayashi. And then,
- following Mr. Kobayashi, will be Mr. Keith Ranney.
- MR. KOBAYASHI: Good morning.
- 25 CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.

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                 MR. KOBAYASHI: My name's Yo Kobayashi.
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        you for the time, given the opportunity to talk today.
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                 I'm a concerned citizen. And like a lot of
       Americans, I didn't know anything about GMO issues until
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       recently. I remember, maybe four or five years ago -- I
       was in New York, and I used to work in the finance --
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        and I was doing a little research into Monsanto's
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       business model. I was like tracking along how their
       corporate strategy's good, this and that. But at the
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       time, I knew nothing about the GMO issues. It took
       Netflix, because I was kinda bored and I had nothing to
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       do, I was watching some documentaries on GMOs and all
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        these issues, that I found out what -- what all
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        the concerns were.
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                 And talking to a lot of my friends, they have
       no idea. I mean, they've sort of heard of GMOs, but
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        they don't really understand the potential consequences
        of GMOs. And that's kind of another topic, I quess, in
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        terms of this legislation, but at least it gives the
       chance to people to know that it's a GMO.
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                 In -- in Japan, they don't even grow GMO
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               I mean, the stuff still gets through because the
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1 know. It -- it's -- it's amazing in the U.S. where we
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- 2 have so many rights, we're a leader in so many things,
- 3 social issues, but in this issue, we're really, really
- 4 behind. And it would be really amazing if Maui and
- 5 Hawaii became a beacon of light in terms of this issue.
- 6 So that's what I have to say today. Thank you
- 7 very much.
- 8 CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Kobayashi. Next
- 9 is Mr. Keith Ranney.
- MR. RANNEY: You got it right the first time.
- 11 Ranney.
- 12 CHAIR HOKAMA: Ranney. Okay. Thank you. I'm
- 13 sorry.
- MR. RANNEY: It's all right.
- 15 CHAIR HOKAMA: And he will be followed by
- 16 Mr. Daren Mann.
- MR. RANNEY: Good morning.
- 18 CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.
- 19 MR. RANNEY: My name's Keith Ranney.
- 20 Hawaii's become a petri dish for
- 21 biotechnology, a questionable practice that overrides
- 22 nature's intelligence and replaces it with arrogant
- human meddling and wholesale poisoning of the soil.
- 24 Rather than work with a rich network of indigenous
- 25 microorganisms to grow nutritionally dense food, the

1	companies that profit from GMO food production,
2	apparently, have no regard for the health of the soil or
3	the people. Their claim to fame is tolerance to poison,
4	forgetting that we are not poison-tolerant. GMO
5	companies pour money into our universities and
6	institutions so that the institutions turn a blind eye
7	to this practice of crippling nature's intelligence in
8	providing their own poisons and chemical fertilizers for
9	the profits of the few.
10	We are currently faced with a dramatic need to
11	embrace the kind of changes that relinks us to our
12	ancestral values. The consumer economy, an economy that
13	requires people to be separated from the values of their
14	ancestors, from each other, from their own bodies, from
15	their own right to choose what they eat, what they grow,
16	how they live, is collapsing before our eyes because it
17	is not sustainable.
18	GMO companies have exploited a 1980 Supreme
19	Court decision to reverse the previous moral imperative
20	to never patent life. The vote that made that decision
21	law was provided by Monsanto's legal counsel, Clarence
22	Thomas, the poster child of conflict of interest.
23	What is being presented as the only way to
24	feed Earth's seven billion people is a lie funded and
25	fueled by life science companies that are actually death

science laboratories, churning out weaponized chemicals 1 and poisons that now are intimately aligned with a 2 globalist agenda of population control through the 3 4 weaponization of the food we eat. The agenda it has used, the revolving door of 5 lobbyists, politicians and those who would prostitute 6 7 themselves for personal gain to suppress consumer 8 knowledge, eliminate choice and place profits over 9 people, destroying the environment with poison to grow poison-resistant food that poisons the people and the 10 planet is patently insane. Unfortunately, humans will 11 12 choose insane solutions when vital information is 13 suppressed. 14 When a cow is given a choice between GM corn and natural corn, she chooses natural, just like an 15 informed human. When a mother sees her baby underneath 16 a car tire, she doesn't think that's too big to move, 17 she moves it. She taps into strength beyond herself, 18

I challenge this Council, this Policy

Committee, to find that mother's strength and courage,

the strength of future generations, to lift the weight

of conflict of interest and give your family and mind

the dignity of choice and the determination of our

personal health via the foods we eat. Thank you very

the strength of future generations.

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- 2 CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for your thoughts
- 3 this morning. Any questions for the gentleman? Having
- 4 none, we appreciate your testimony this morning. Next,
- 5 we have Mr. Mann. And following him will be Ann
- 6 Provost.
- 7 MR. MANN: Good morning.
- 8 CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.
- 9 MR. MANN: I'm here to support this
- 10 legislation. I believe it's important.
- 11 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair? May we have
- 12 him raise the mic? I cannot --
- 13 MR. MANN: Yeah.
- 14 CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.
- 15 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you.
- MR. MANN: I'm here to support this
- 17 legislation. I think it's important for the people to
- 18 know what's in their food. If I had my way, I'd label
- 19 it with a -- with a skull and crossbone. And -- and
- 20 I -- I think just GMO would do fine for now and then
- 21 maybe, eventually, the -- the skull and crossbone will
- 22 -- will be shown.
- 23 And I hope you guys do the right thing for the
- future of Hawaii and the people and the people's health
- of Hawaii. Thank you.

1 CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for your testimony 2 this morning. Ann Provost. And --3 MS. PROVOST: Aloha. My name is Ann Provost and I came here more on a personal level, from my own 4 5 personal health. 6 I have been into organic food and organic way 7 of eating since I was young. I went to Hippocrates Health Institute in Boston because I was overdosed with 8 vaccination as a young girl. And so I had every 9 disease, having -- having allergic reactions to that. 10 11 So I was very on top of wanting to know about my own body chemistry. I took biochemistry in college, knowing 12 that not having it mutilated, folded, radiate --13 irradiated was better for me, that my body was gonna 14 15 respond to that. 16 And all throughout history, through other things I've seen have shown me that I am correct that 17 giving your body the most natural organic raw foods help 18 19 you heal most anything. And the Hippocrates Health 20 Institute, they take terminal cancer patients only, and just by putting 'em on wheat grass, organic food and raw 21 22 -- raw foods, they are able to heal all the diseases. 23 They had 85 percent cure rate. 24 And not knowing about what's in our food is

violating my right to know, to know that I have a

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1 choice, that giving me a choice to -- to have the best
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- 2 quality food for my body to heal from whatever I'm --
- 3 and I can't even fight the -- what's in the air. How am
- I to fight pollen, GMO pollen, in the air that I'm
- 5 breathing? And knowing that that's gonna affect my
- 6 overall body.
- 7 And then, years later, those over-vaccinations
- 8 caused me to have problems in my pregnancies. And so I
- 9 went with a homeopathic remedy that cured me. And I had
- 10 two natural births after having a cesarean.
- So please, please, really, it's more important
- 12 even -- just not even the labeling, just to not even
- have GMO on the island, so that we can get back to
- 14 recovering from all that's been damaged already in -- in
- our lives and -- and for our children. And I'm just
- 16 kind of adamant about it, that we really need to -- to
- 17 really know, have that right to label everything. And
- to know what's even being grown in our neighborhoods.
- 19 We do have that right. Thank you.
- 20 CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for your thoughts,
- 21 Ms. Provost. Next, we'll have -- this is a tough one,
- so I'll just say, Ms. Novikoff or Mr. Novikoff. And she
- 23 will be followed by Jeffrey Parent.
- MS. NOVIKOFF: Aloha, everyone. I am a living
- soul that goes by the strawman of 'eleu Novikoff. I'm

- 1 here to testify about GMOs.
- 2 The first thing I would like to express is
- 3 where was the informed consent to even have GMOs here on
- 4 our island? Where was it? Where did the meeting of
- 5 minds occur, where the human soul behind the GMO idea
- 6 came to me, my human mind, and asked, and we came to the
- 7 conclusion to even have GMOs on Maui? I don't have any
- 8 recollection of that.
- 9 Here's what I don't want: I don't want
- 10 genetically modified organisms, seeds, chemtrails. I
- don't want them on Maui. And I don't want them on Maui
- 12 because it involves us consuming it in some way or
- another, breathing it, drinking it, eating it. And not
- only for my health, my optimal health, but for yours as
- 15 well. For yours as well. I don't want aluminum
- building up in your arteries and causing you Alzheimer's
- 17 at an early age. I don't want that for you. I don't
- want that for my family. I don't want that for my
- 19 friends.
- 20 What I do want, I wanna walk outside on our
- 21 beautiful island and I wanna breathe in fresh air. I
- 22 wanna breathe in fresh air without any chemicals. I
- wanna eat organic food. I don't want chemtrails
- spraying my organic seeds, causing them to die so the
- 25 GMO seed can sprout and we end up eating that, thinking

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        that's organic. I wanna eat organic food because I
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       believe it will promote my optimal health, your family's
        optimal health, my family's optimal health. And optimal
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       health meaning our mental, our physical and our
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        spiritual in our na`au.
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                  I'm not testifying against anything, against
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        GMOs, against anything. I'm testifying for optimal
       health for myself and you and all the people of Maui,
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        for the place we love, for this island. Come on, Maui,
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        let's do this.
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                  CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much for your
        testimony, Ms. Novikoff. We have Jeffrey Parent next.
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       And Mr. Parent will be followed by Dave Luborsky.
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                  MR. PARENT: Hi. Good morning, everybody.
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                  CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.
                  MR. PARENT: Thank you, Council Vice-Chairman.
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                  Genetic modification and biosafety are
        concepts that have not been well understood by, or
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        accessible to, the non-geneticists working in the fields
        of conservation science, law, administration and
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       management. The biodiversity debate is at the forefront
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        of a larger question on how humanity can, in an
        integrated and congruent way, address the larger --
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I work with COIC Research and I work closely 1 2 with the scientists. And concerning the biodiversity debate, it's important to understand the larger question 3 on how humanity, in an integrated and congruent way, can 4 address human livelihoods while, at the same time, 5 fulfilling its international mandates to conserve and 6 sustainably use the environment. 7 In Hawaii, this is especially important that 8 we address these concerns given the great sensitivity of 9 our present ecology and the already vulnerable state of 10 our present environment and ecosystems. These questions 11 are among the most critical concerning Hawaii nei. 12 Inherent in our aim should be the desire to 13 create systems that are ecologically sound as well as 14 economically viable, which do not exploit, pollute, and 15 are sustainable for the long-term. We find many claims 16 about genetically modified organisms, that they can be a 17 basis for increasing food production, without the need 18 to convert more land for cultivation, for example. 19 These claims, however, are countered by the claims that 20 GMOs have a variety of critical impacts on people and 21 animals, and especially ecosystems and lands not under 22 cultivation. 23

In order to determine the focus for

decision-making in this area, however, we must provide a

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- 1 definite statement regarding the controversial
- 2 scientific issues, and development and a more detailed
- 3 collective understanding of the scientific controversy,
- 4 and how it affects our islands in particular.
- 5 This -- this is not intended to move beyond
- 6 the basic formulation of the problem. But, within my
- 7 detailed analysis, you will find that there are some
- 8 critical changes. Particularly the -- in the 19 -- and
- 9 the -- and the beginnings of the major change in this
- 10 process came into being in the 1950s when James Watson
- and Francis Crick discovered the structure of DNA --
- 12 this is important -- the double helix nucleotides. They
- then postulated that nucleotides form the blueprint of
- 14 life. And by the 1970s, it became possible to isolate
- individual genes and refashion them and copy them in
- 16 cells.
- 17 It should be known and -- and the
- 18 councilmembers and the people present here, it's very
- important that the restructuring and formation of cells
- 20 on the molecular level is an act of human invasion on
- 21 other life forms. And just like any invasion of another
- invasive species, it has internal and external negative
- effects. This must be measured.
- 24 In this connection, the decision-makers are
- 25 already -- you know, you guys are briefed on this, but

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        environment and the right of every citizen to live
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        scientific uncertainties as to the consequences of the
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        that the policy and Committee, its members and
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        nonmembers, frame and harmonize in the fields of public
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        information, consultation and participation regarding
        the future of GMOs, and establish labeling guidelines
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        where the production and use of GMOs are concerned on
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                  Thank you.
                  CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Parent, we thank you. If
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        you wish, and that is part of your testimony, if you
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       wish, you may submit that written --
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                  MR. PARENT: Oh, thank you.
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                  CHAIR HOKAMA: -- document that you have
        worked hard on. And you can submit that to the
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        Committee staff. And we'll be happy to --
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                  MR. PARENT: I appreciate it.
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                  CHAIR HOKAMA: -- distribute it to all the
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        Committee Members for you.
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                  MR. PARENT: Thank you. I've -- I've supplied
        16 copies. And I thank you for your time. If, at this
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        time, there's any questions, I'd be more than happy to
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- 1 answer those questions.
- 2 CHAIR HOKAMA: Any questions for the
- 3 gentleman?
- 4 MR. PARENT: I work with the University of
- 5 Hawaii. I work closely with the scientists. And if
- 6 there are questions, I would encourage them. Thank you.
- 7 CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much,
- 8 Mr. Parent. We thank you.
- 9 MR. PARENT: Thank you again, sir.
- 10 CHAIR HOKAMA: Next, we have Mr. Dave
- 11 Luborsky, Luborsky. I'm sorry if I'm mispronouncing
- 12 your name.
- MR. LUBORSKY: Good morning.
- 14 CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.
- MR. LUBORSKY: All right. My name is Dave
- 16 Luborsky. I'm a co-farm manager at Lokelani Ohana, in
- Waihee, which is an initiative to provide a place for
- people with disabilities to live and work. And we've
- 19 got an organic garden.
- I've worked in organic gardens for 10, 12
- 21 years. And the issue of GMOs has come up again and
- 22 again. And, obviously, there's a lot of concern about
- 23 it. And there's, also, lots of people who think it's a
- 24 good thing.
- Now, back in '99, there was a book published

called *Trojan Seeds*, which explains a lot of the issues
behind GMO. To just touch on a couple points which I
think might be relevant:

First off, back in the nineties, there was a tremendous amount of PR done by GMO firms, such as Monsanto, to squelch any news reports such as -- you know, there were people working for Fox News getting fired for trying to do stories on GMO. Consumers who were complaining about health problems after eating certain fast food products were, basically, ignored. And, to me, you know, that points to there's something that it seems like they don't want you to know. And if GMOs are such a great thing, well, you know, why is there something to hide?

Secondly, there's something about how organisms are actually modified. And, you know, you might imagine some intricate exact process going on.

And this is at least how it was done 10 years ago, you have a vat of cells in a solution that are gonna be modified. Then you have the gene that's gonna be put into that cell. And the -- the genes are shot into this vat full of cells, and there is an antibiotic resistance that is shot into the cells with the gene. Afterwards, there is an antibiotic put into that vat so the only cells that survive are the ones that were successfully

- 1 manipulated because they are antibiotic resistance --
- 2 resistant as well. It's not an exact process, you don't
- 3 know where in the DNA that modification is taking place,
- 4 it's just a shot in the dark, or a shot in the vat.
- 5 It's not an exact process, and you don't really know
- 6 what's being affected.
- 7 Thirdly, there's now these super weeds, which
- 8 are Roundup resistant, which is just one other thing
- 9 that's happening today. Just all these weeds just don't
- 10 even die with Roundup.
- So there's a lot of problems here. We need to
- 12 look at it really closely. But I support the labeling.
- We have the right to know for our own health as well.
- 14 Thank you.
- 15 CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for your thoughts to
- 16 the Committee this morning. Any questions for the
- 17 gentleman, Members? Having none, thank you very much
- 18 for your testimony.
- MS. ROCHON: (Speaking from the gallery:) I
- 20 have a question. I have a question.
- 21 CHAIR HOKAMA: No, you cannot ask questions.
- This is a hearing before the Committee.
- Next is Ms. Courtney Bruch or Bruch.
- MS. BRUCH: Good morning --
- 25 CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.

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MS. BRUCH: -- Policy Chair and Committee. My
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       name is Courtney Bruch. I am a Kula resident, a
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       licensed massage therapist. I work with Maui Tomorrow.
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       I'm a core member of Upcountry Sustainability. I am
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       here to represent myself, the future generations and
       GMO-Free Maui. I started the GMO-Free Maui Facebook
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                  In my hand, I have a petition that was put out
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        last session, in March, the Hawaii State GMO labeling
       bill. Over 1,000 people signed in favor of this
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       petition in less than a week. There are now 1,463
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        signatures. I did email -- hopefully, you received
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        it -- a copy of this petition and the comments that were
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       made by many citizens on this particular petition
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        supporting GMO labeling.
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        in your packets, a GMO-free shopping guide so that you
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        can avoid GMOs and know which products are non-GMOs and
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        which products may have invisible ingredients that are
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        GMO.
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                  I am in full support of the resolution to
        label GM food in the State of Hawaii. You are what you
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             What did you eat this morning? Was it genetically
        modified? What kind of sweetener or creamer did you put
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        in your coffee this morning? Was it genetically
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1 modified? How would you know? You would know if it was

- 2 labeled.
- 3 Many Americans and people living in Hawaii do
- 4 not know about GMOs. I recently asked a longtime
- 5 librarian in Makawao, "Do you know about GMO?" And she
- 6 said no.
- 7 Many people in the world do know about GMOs
- 8 and require mandatory labeling and/or do not allow the
- growth, export or import of genetically modified foods,
- including, but not excluded to, Europe, Ireland, Japan
- and Egypt. Europe uses the precautionary principle and
- that's why they label GMOs in this situation. They have
- not -- the genetically modified organisms have not been
- 14 proven safe in human trials, which is something I have
- heard time again by Dr. Lorrin Pang about why he
- 16 considers GM unsafe. That is one reason they require
- 17 mandatory labeling.
- 18 More and more research is showing a vast
- 19 increase in children's food allergies to corn and dairy.
- What is causing these increases? Food analyst Robyn
- O'Brien has found that, after GM proteins were
- 22 introduced into the food supply, children's food
- 23 allergies skyrocketed. Her baby, the youngest of four
- children, had a sudden onset severe food allergy at the
- 25 breakfast table. Her face was swelling shut. She was

- immediately taken to the doctor where Robyn discovered
- 2 this was a food allergy. This incident motivated Robyn
- 3 to investigate.
- I hope you received my email, including six
- 5 short videos, including Robyn O'Brien's, that will
- 6 clearly educate and inform you about the concerns for
- 7 GMO and that they need to be labeled. There is plenty
- 8 of resource there to call you to action to label GMOs.
- 9 GM producers -- GM --
- 10 CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Bruch, you need to -- that
- we thank you for your -- if you have anything that you
- have written that you wish to submit to the Committee, I
- will assure you that we'll be happy to distribute that
- 14 to the rest of --
- MS. BRUCH: Okay.
- 16 CHAIR HOKAMA: -- the Members.
- MS. BRUCH: Okay.
- 18 CHAIR HOKAMA: And since you shared that you
- also emailed testimony to the Committee earlier, I'm
- sure we will have it in our records and that that will
- 21 be distributed to all Committee Members, also.
- MS. BRUCH: Okay. Thank you.
- 23 CHAIR HOKAMA: Any questions for Ms. Bruch
- this morning, gentlemen, on -- or -- and ladies, on her
- 25 testimony? Having none, thank you very much for your

- 1 comments --
- MS. BRUCH: Thank you.
- 3 CHAIR HOKAMA: -- this morning. We have
- 4 Mr. Watanabe next, Warren Watanabe. And after
- 5 Mr. Watanabe, we'll have Amara Rochon.
- 6 MR. WATANABE: Good morning, Chair Hokama,
- 7 Members of the Committee.
- 8 CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.
- 9 MR. WATANABE: I'm Warren Watanabe, Executive
- 10 Director of the Maui County Farm Bureau.
- On behalf of our commercial farm and ranch
- 12 families and supporters, the Maui County Farm Bureau
- strongly opposes the resolution requiring the labeling
- of genetically engineered food products. Genetically --
- 15 genetic engineered crops represent an important choice
- in a farmer's toolbox. Before use, they undergo some of
- the most stringent reviews of all compounds to ensure
- 18 safety. Required labeling of food products provides
- information on nutrient --
- 20 CHAIR HOKAMA: We shall maintain decorum in
- 21 this Chambers.
- MR. WATANABE: -- and location of -- location
- 23 of production. The label -- the labeling suggested
- today is one of marketing, and those are optional items.
- We recognize there are those who may decide

they want non-GA -- GE food products. Those who market

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2 such products have the option of labeling their products as such and use it as a market advantage for that niche. 3 The option to do so exists today; a law is not needed. 4 As much as we would like our products to be 5 produced locally, the reality is that food production is 6 global and cannot be controlled by the State of Hawaii. 7 There are many priorities that we need to address as a 8 State that will bring true benefit to the majority of 9 people. Let's focus on those topics and make the 2012 10 State Legislature one that will bring significant 11 positive impacts in the lives of the people of Hawaii. 12 For example, we just had a meeting of the 13 Hawaii Drought Council, that includes private and public 14 entities, convened through the Water Commission. I am 15 the State representative for agriculture. The Council 16 unanimously voted to pursue State funding for the 17 counties for drought mitigation. They are using 18 legislation passed in 2007, that provided funds on Maui 19 for -- for the relining of the Kula Ag Park reservoir 20 and the Upcountry Stormwater Reclamation Planning Study 21 22 as a starting points. Legislation will be crafted, and your support 23 would be appreciated. Maui County is in need of new 24 source development. 25

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                  We respectfully request that this Committee
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       not pass this resolution, and focus on such issues as
        funding for drought mitigation. Thank you.
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                  CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Watanabe.
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       questions for the gentleman? Having none, Mr. Watanabe,
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       thank you for your testimony.
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                 MR. WATANABE:
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                  CHAIR HOKAMA: Amara Rochon. And she will be
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       followed by Glenda Frederick.
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                 MS. ROCHON: Aloha, everybody.
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                 CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.
                 MS. ROCHON: Good morning. I was watching a
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       movie last night with John Lennon and versus -- USA vs.
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       John Lennon, and he said many, many beautiful things
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       that we should really all know and keep in our heart,
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       especially when it comes to Maui. And one of them is
        that how can I go forward if I do not know what I am
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        facing. And I see that Maui is just so incredibly
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       beautiful by its nature, by its climate, we do not
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        really need any GMOs here. I think we should say no to
       Monsanto and its plan of ruling the world and the --
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       actually, you know, the whole planet, because it has
        such a big business, you know, big stocks at the Dow and
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        immense power of ruling, especially in secrecy on us.
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       brown water here in Maalaea, is the product of GMO
       agriculture. I think we should say no to that, too, and
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       really have an evaluation team there that would really
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       tell us what's going on with that water in Maalaea,
       which is extremely dirty for many months now.
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                  I think we should say no to Monsanto and
                 You know, my heart cry every time I go to
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       Costco and I see people walking out with their huge bags
       of Roundup. Roundup kills, nothing comes back after,
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       except Monsanto's seeds which have been genetically
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       modified to bypass the Roundup, and grow their own corn
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       or their own soy, which is really a low-life food for
       all of us.
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                  I think we should just create our own seeds,
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       create our own compost. I have heard that Ms. Hana
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       Steel, from the Recycling Department here, is working on
       a compost project. I think we -- all what we have to
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       do, really, is get together, do lots of recycling.
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       Recycle so many things, including like the lint in the
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       dryer. We could do like -- all this cotton that gets
       lost all the time in the trash. If we recycle, we would
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       be able to grow compost that is very, very organic.
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       if we could have Maui organic. Monsanto here is not
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       very powerful, you know, he has just small plots here
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       and there. But I think if we can eliminate him from the
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        island and, instead, create Maui organic, we could be a
       point of light into the world by creating our own seeds
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       and our own compost. We have perfect climate.
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                  I think for anything genetically modified, I
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       have an open mind. I think we should at least wait 10
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       years or maybe a generation before we see that this food
        that's really on such a fast pace of evolution, those
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       people are the (inaudible). They forget that food is
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       healing, food is medicine, you know. You take teas for
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       this and that, you get better. You eat really good
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        food, like cabbage and -- and -- and, you know, peppers
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        and things, you are healthier, compared to anything
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        that's chemically oriented, you know. So I think we
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        should really wait, and eliminate Monsanto from the
        island, if we can, and take a stand for human rights.
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                  I think clean and affordable food for
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        everybody. There's a time now that --
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                  CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Rochon.
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                  MS. ROCHON: So many people -- yes.
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                 CHAIR HOKAMA: You need --
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                  MS. ROCHON: Thank you.
                  CHAIR HOKAMA: -- to conclude. Thank you so
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                  MS. ROCHON: Okay.
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1	CHAIR HOKAMA: for your testimony.
2	MS. ROCHON: I think people are having less
3	money, but we still need to eat very good food in order
4	to stay healthy, work, be happy and carry on genetic
5	code to the next generation.
6	Thank you very much.
7	CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for your thoughts
8	this morning.
9	MS. ROCHON: Thank you.
10	CHAIR HOKAMA: Glenda Frederick, please, next.
11	Ms. Frederick is the last request for
12	testimony that I have received. If there is anyone else
13	wishing to testify on any item that has been agendized
14	for today's meeting, please make yourself aware to the
15	Committee, and we shall allow you your opportunity to
16	share your thoughts and comments.
17	MS. FREDERICK: My name is Glenda Frederick,
18	and I'm a concerned citizen.
19	I would like you to ask yourself why other
20	countries are moving forward, why there are countries
21	that are going against GMOs and trying to stop G GMOs
22	in their countries, and why are we why are we in this
23	position right now. Is it because we've become the land
24	of the corporations instead of the land of the free,
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people? Are we supporting the corporations that's about
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       greed and money and profit and not for the people? Is
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       this what's happening in America?
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       courage, do you have the courage as a politician, to
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       stand up for what's right? Do you have the courage to
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       do this?
                 I -- I want you to ask yourself these
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       questions. And that's all I have to say. Thank you.
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                 CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Frederick, for
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       your testimony this morning. Is there anyone else
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       wishing to provide testimony before the Committee this
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       morning? Having none, the Chair will close testimony
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       for today's meeting of August 17 --
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                 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No objections.
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                 CHAIR HOKAMA: -- 2011.
                 COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.
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                      ...END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY...
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                 CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Members, the Chair
        at this time will move the Policy Items 3(4), 3(3), 3(2)
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        to the end of the calendar. We shall take a recess and
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        continuation of their presentation. We shall be in
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2 RECONVENE: 10:12 a.m. CHAIR HOKAMA: ... (gavel) ... The Policy 3 Committee shall return to order. The Committee will now 4 take up Policy Item 23, Department of Fire & Public 5 Safety 2010 Master Strategic Plan Review. 6 7 ITEM NO. 23: DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & PUBLIC SAFETY 2010 MASTER STRATEGIC PLAN (C.C. No. 11-118) 8 9 CHAIR HOKAMA: Members, we ended the last 10 meeting reviewing Sections I and II. We shall start today's review of the remaining portions of the 11 12 Strategic Plan with Section III. If you do have the Department's plan with you, it is on Page 12. 13 I would also note for your information that 14 Vice-Chairman Carroll of the Committee did submit, for 15 your information, a article that you have received from 16 the Committee Staff regarding Oahu and the City and 17 18 County of Honolulu. At this time, we have both the Chief and the 19 20 Deputy Chief of the Fire Department. So I'll ask Chief 21 Murray if either he or the Deputy would have any opening comments regarding Section III of the Strategic Plan. 22 Chief Murray, please. 23 24 MR. MURRAY: Good morning, Chair and Council

- 1 COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Good morning.
- MR. MURRAY: Really, I don't have any opening
- 3 remarks. We're gonna take off from where we left off
- 4 the other week, if you don't mind
- 5 CHAIR HOKAMA: Please do, Chief.
- 6 MR. MURRAY: Okay. Section III. We talked
- 7 about the goals and objectives that will be accomplished
- 8 within one to two years. And I believe part of the
- 9 PowerPoint, I did go over this item. If you have any
- questions, I'd be happy to answer 'em for you.
- 11 CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much,
- 12 Chief. Mr. Carroll, questions for the Chief or Deputy
- 13 regarding -- if you have anything on Section III, fine,
- 14 if Section IV, under Financial Resources, as well as the
- short-term, the Chief gave a short comment on regarding
- 16 fleet maintenance, any questions at this time?
- 17 VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: I have no questions at
- 18 this time. Thank you.
- 19 CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Carroll.
- Ms. Baisa?
- 21 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, thank you.
- 22 CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Cochran?
- 23 COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. And
- thank you, Fire, for being here again.
- Just curious, Section III, Number 5, internal

budget submittal process portion, incorporate battalion

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        chiefs into budget submittal and -- and so on. That is
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       not being done now? Or is this just a -- it's in black
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       and white, it's a standardized thing to incorporate?
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                  CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Members, she's referring
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       to Page 13, Item --
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                  COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, sorry, Page 13.
                  CHAIR HOKAMA: -- 5b on Page 13 of your
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       Strategic Plan.
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                  COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh, is that IV?
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       Sorry. Where's my --
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                  CHAIR HOKAMA: That's okay.
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                 COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh, sorry, it is. I
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-- yeah, Section IV, Financial Resources. Oh, sorry.

- 15 Chair, are we there, Section --
- 16 . CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.
- 17 COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: -- IV --
- 18 CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm allowing --
- 19 COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: -- you mentioned,
- 20 yeah?

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- 21 CHAIR HOKAMA: -- questions in Section III and
- 22 IV.
- MR. MURRAY: To clarify that, on Page 13, Item
- 5, Item b, the battalion chiefs, we have them separated,
- and they're not within the station's budget. Because